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RE: Renewable Energy Standard and Energy Optimization

Dear Representative Nesbitt and Members of the House Energy and Technology Committee,

As a lifelong Michigan citizen, I am writing to you because I am concerned about the sources of Michigan's energy, and the effect of use of any energy option on our economy and our health.

I urge your support of PA 295 of 2008, because it will improve opportunities for Michigan jobs, by increasing demand for manufacturing and installing solar panels and windmills. Availability of renewable energy sources will move Michigan to the forefront of energy independence. We can reduce the cost of energy production and with the savings, move Michigan to the forefront of renewable energy jobs. We can build on our manufacturing expertise, for development and production. Adding jobs for production of renewable energy equipment will benefit to the entire state.

Clean energy will reduce pollution and improve the quality of our air and water. A reduced proportion of Michigan's energy coming from imported coal, will result in a significant reduction of mercury, arsenic, sulfur dioxide in our air and water. With fewer such pollutants, citizens will have fewer premature deaths, and instances of asthma, heart disease, and lung disease. Reducing health care costs because of improved air and water quality will make Michigan a better place to live.

The above are just some of the reasons that passing and implementing PA 295 of 2008 is important to Michigan. I urge you to pas the bill and bring it to the legislature for a vote. You will be helping Michigan's citizens.

With best regards,

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